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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

SOVIET DIPLOMATIC SOURCES DISCLOSED THIS WEEK THAT BREZHNEV HAS DECIDED TO PUT OFF HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. UNTIL NEXT FALL. THE DELAY IS DESIGNED TO GIVE SOVIET LEADERS MORE TIME TO "TAKE MEASURE" OF THE SECOND NIXON ADMINISTRATION AND ASSESS PROGRESS ON SOME INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. (PAGE A 1)

THOMAS LIPPMAN ASSERTS THAT THIEU IS EXPECTED TO REQUEST NEXT WEEK THAT HIS AUTHORITY TO RULE BY DECREE BE EXTENDED BOTH IN TIME AND IN SCOPE. VIETNAMESE LEGISLATIVE SOURCES STATED THAT THIEU IS LIKELY TO GET WHATEVER HE ASKS FOR. (PAGE A 10)

No Objection to Declassification in Part 2010/08/09 : LOC-HAK-247-10-30-3  
JONATHAN RANDALL REPORTS ON YOUR MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT POMPIDOU.

HE NOTES THAT ANOTHER MEETING BETWEEN YOU AND THO IS EXPECTED TODAY. BOTH DELEGATIONS HAVE MAINTAINED A TOTAL NEWS BLACKOUT AND OBSERVERS WERE AGAIN REDUCED TO JUDGING PROGRESS BY VISUAL INDICATIONS. (PAGE A 10)

MURREY MARDER WRITES THAT THE CEASE-FIRE SHUFFLE CONTINUES AS BOTH SIDES MAKE ACCELERATED PLANS TO CONTINUE THE POLITICAL - MILITARY STRUGGLE AFTER A CEASE-FIRE IS ORDERED. (PAGE A 11)

THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY BY A VOTE OF 86 TO 7, WITH 31 ABSTENTIONS, ADOPTED A RESOLUTION WHICH FOR THE FIRST TIME " INVITES" MEMBER NATIONS TO LIMIT AID TO ISRAEL. THE RESOLUTION ALSO CALLS ON THEM NOT TO RECOGNIZE ANY ISRAELI MEASURES THAT MIGHT ALTER THE STATUS OF ARAB TERRITORIES IT OCCUPIES. (PAGE A 30)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

FLORA LEWIS REPORTS NO BREAKTHROUGH AFTER YOUR LAST SESSION YESTERDAY. SHE COMMENTS THAT AMERICAN SOURCES CAUTIONED NEWS-MEN AGAINST EXCESSIVE OPTIMISM, WHICH IS A STRIKING SWITCH FROM THE REPEATED WARNINGS IN PARIS LAST WEEK AGAINST EXCESSIVE PESSIMISM. SHE ALSO NOTES YOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU AND PIERRE JUILLET.

ELYSEE SOURCES WERE QUICK TO REPORT THAT THIS MEETING DID NOT MEAN ANY AGREEMENT WAS ABOUT TO BE REACHED, OR THAT THERE WAS SOME NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE TALKS. (PAGE 3)

FOX BUTTERFIELD SPECULATES WHAT PRESIDENT THIEU WILL SAY IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE CONGRESS IN SAIGON ON TUESDAY. THIEU IS EXPECTED TO ASK FOR AN EXTENSION OF HIS EMERGENCY POWERS WHICH EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 28, AND ALSO DISCUSS THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE PEACE TALKS. HE ALSO MIGHT ANNOUNCE SOUTH VIETNAMESE WILLINGNESS TO ACCEDE TO THE DRAFT PEACE ACCORD WORKED OUT BY HANOI AND WASHINGTON. BUTTERFIELD REPORTS THAT A WELL INFORMED SAIGON OFFICIAL SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH THIEU STILL HAS SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE ACCORD, SAIGON WOULD NOW BE ABLE TO ACCEPT IT. AMERICAN SOURCES HAVE NO IDEA WHAT PRESIDENT THIEU MIGHT SAY. (PAGE 6)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

JOHN WOODRUFF NOTES THAT SOUTH VIETNAM'S PROPAGANDA THEMES HAVE SWITCHED FROM THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING A CEASE-FIRE TO MEANS OF RESOLVING WHAT SAIGON ONCE REGARDED AS AN IMPASSE.

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NATO MEMBERS ENDED THEIR CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS AFTER WORKING  
OUT A BROAD CONSENSUS ON HOW TO APPROACH THE UPCOMING SERIES  
OF EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS. (PAGE A 6)

ACCORDING TO SCOTT SULLIVAN, NGUYEN THI BINH SAID THAT IN POST-  
WAR SOUTH VIETNAM "SOLDIERS WHO ARE NATIVES OF THE NORTH AND  
DEMOBILIZED IN THE SOUTH SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO THEIR  
HOMES." SOME OBSERVERS SEIZED ON THE ODD FORMULATION AS A POS-  
SIBLE KEY TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE DEMAND THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE  
SOLDIERS IN THE SOUTH RETURN HOME AFTER A CEASE-FIRE. (PAGE A1)

THE FEDERAL JUDGE IN THE PENTAGON PAPERS TRIAL SAID YESTERDAY  
HE PLANS TO DECLARE A MISTRIAL, DISMISS THE PRESENT JURORS AND  
CHOOSE A NEW JURY. (PAGE A 1)

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